

Southeastern San Diego - Public Facilities Financing Plan

Financing Strategy

The City of San Diego has a variety of potential funding sources for financing public facilities which will be provided in part by developers as part of the subdivision process. Potential other methods for financing public facilities are listed below:

- A. DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (DIF)
- B. SPECIAL PARK FEE (SPF)
- C. TRANSNET, GAS TAX
- D. ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS
- E. LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACTS
- F. GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUES
- G. CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (COP)
- H. LEASE REVENUE BONDS
- I. BUSINESS LICENSE TAX REVENUE*
- J. CAPITAL OUTLAY (LEASE REVENUE)
- K. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
- L. FRANCHISE FEE REVENUE*
- M. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND
- N. MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEE (MVLF) REVENUE*
- O. PARKING VIOLATION REVENUE*
- P. PARKING METER REVENUE*
- Q. PARK SERVICE DISTRICT FEES (PSD)
- R. PROPERTY TAX REVENUE*
- S. TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT)*
- T. ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS
- U. PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS
- V. UTILITY USERS TAX
- W. SPECIAL TAXES FOR FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION
- X. SPECIAL TAXES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES
- Y. PARK AND PLAYGROUND ACT OF 1909
- Z. GRANTS

*These funds are currently allocated for general City operations, but may be used for capital improvements.

- A. **DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES (DIF)** - Development Impact Fees are a method whereby the impact of new development upon the infrastructure is assessed, and, a fee system developed and imposed on developers to mitigate the impact of new development. DIF cannot be used for existing development's share. Impact fees are collected at the time of building permit issuance. Funds collected are deposited in a special interest bearing account and can only be used for identified facilities serving the community in which they were collected. As sufficient funds are collected, the City proceeds with a construction program. Use of impact fees is one of the financing methods recommended for Southeastern San Diego.
- B. **SPECIAL PARK FEE (SPF)** - Special Park Fees are a method whereby the impact of residential development upon the Park and Recreation infrastructure is assessed, and, a fee system developed and imposed on developers to mitigate the impact of development. Special Park Fees are collected at the time of building permit issuance. Funds collected are deposited in a special interest bearing account and can only be used for identified Park and Recreation facilities serving the community in which they were collected. As sufficient funds are collected, the City proceeds with a Park and Recreation construction program.
- C. **TRANSNET, GAS TAX**, and other programs such as a state-local partnership program may provide funds for community transportation projects. These funds will be allocated annually and may be used to fund a portion of the long-range capital need for future transportation improvements in Southeastern San Diego.
- D. **ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS** - Special assessment financing, using 1913/1915 Assessment Acts or a Mello-Roos District could be used as a supplementary or alternative method of financing some facilities. A Mello-Roos District requires a 2/3 approval vote for passage. Other assessment districts generally require the support of the majority of the community. If an assessment is subject to Proposition 218, it would require a 2/3 vote.
- E. **LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACTS** - Funds may be used for parks, recreation, open space, installation/construction of planting and landscaping, street lighting facilities, and maintenance. These ballot measures require 2/3 voter approval for passage.

- F. **GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ISSUES** - Cities, counties and school districts may issue these bonds to finance land acquisition and capital improvements. The bonds are repaid with the revenues from increased property taxes. Bond issuance require 2/3 voter approval for passage.
- G. **CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (COP)** - These funds may only be used for land acquisition and capital improvements. City Council approval is required and a funding source for Debt Service must be identified.
- H. **LEASE REVENUE BONDS** - These funds may only be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- I. **BUSINESS LICENSE TAX REVENUE** - These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- J. **CAPITAL OUTLAY (LEASE REVENUE)** - These funds are to be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- K. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)** - This is a Federal grant that is applied for annually. Applications are reviewed annually; City Council and HUD approval are required.
- L. **FRANCHISE FEE REVENUE** - The City collects franchise funds from San Diego Gas and Electric and cable companies for use of City right-of- way. These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- M. **LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUND** - These funds are applied for and are used only for bikeway projects. City Council and Federal approval are required.
- N. **MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE FEE (MVLFF) REVENUE** - The State allocates a portion of vehicle license fee revenue to local governments. These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital projects. City Council approval is required.

- O. **PARKING VIOLATION REVENUE** - These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- P. **PARKING METER REVENUE** - These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- Q. **PARK SERVICE DISTRICT FEE (PSD)** - This fee is charged at the subdivision level and can only be used for parks and park improvements. City Council approval is required.
- R. **PROPERTY TAX REVENUE** - Property owners are taxed one percent of the assessed value of the property. The City receives approximately 17 percent of the one percent. These funds are currently allocated for general City operations; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- S. **TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX (TOT)** - The City's hotel tax is 10.5 percent and is currently allocated to eligible (tourist related) organizations that request funding annually and to tourist related City activities; but, may be used for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.
- T. **ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS** - In the years prior to the passage of Proposition 13, the City was able to respond to community facility needs by using a portion of sales tax revenue to support the Capital Improvements Program. This has not been possible for some time. However, if other revenues are increased, annual allocations could again be used to fund some capital facilities. This is a recommended method of funding some park and recreation facilities and transportation improvements. City Council approval is required.
- U. **PRIVATE CONTRIBUTIONS** - Any private donations received by the City for capital improvements. City Council approval is required.

Potential methods for financing public facilities are described below:

- V. **UTILITY USERS TAX** - These funds may be used for any general City operation or capital improvement. These require 2/3 voter approval for passage.
- W. **SPECIAL TAXES FOR FIRE AND POLICE PROTECTION** - These funds may only be used for fire and police activities. These require 2/3 voter approval for passage.
- X. **SPECIAL TAXES FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES** - These funds may only be used for libraries and library improvements. These require 2/3 voter approval for passage.
- Y. **PARK AND PLAYGROUND ACT OF 1909** - These funds may be used for parks, urban open-space land, playground, and library facilities. These require 2/3 voter approval for passage.
- Z. **GRANTS** - Grants are available and applied for from the federal government, state and other agencies.

General Assumptions and Conditions

In connection with the application of the following methods of financing, these general assumptions and conditions would apply:

1. Developers will be required to provide facilities normally provided within the subdivision process as a condition of subdivision approval, including but not limited to traffic signals.
2. Abutting property owners are responsible for frontage improvements such as sidewalks, curbs and gutters.
3. The DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE, will be paid by the developer at the time of building permit issuance.
4. DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE funds collected will be placed in a separate trust fund with interest earnings accumulated for use in the community planning area for identified facilities.

Development Impact Fee Determination

Background

In late 1987, staff developed and recommended impact fees for 28 urbanized communities. The City Council adopted the recommended fees, including those for the Southeastern San Diego community planning area, to mitigate the impact of new development on public facilities. All undeveloped and underdeveloped parcels are subject to development impact fees. Monies collected are placed in City interest-accruing funds, to be used only for capital improvements in the Southeastern San Diego community.

The Southeastern San Diego Community Plan area is almost fully developed. Since the community is near build out, the fees will provide only a small portion of the financing needed for the facilities. Thus, the majority of the required public improvements will have to be provided through special funding mechanisms other than DIF.

Distribution of Project Costs and Fee Determination

Development of the actual DIF to be imposed is based on the extent or degree to which each type of development generates a demand for, or receives benefit from the various existing public facilities. For example, all development generates vehicular traffic and thus, on an equitable basis, should share in the cost of transportation projects.

Development Impact Fees were determined for the various categories of needed public facilities on the basis of total amount of development at community plan build-out and on the basis of additional public facilities needed at community plan build-out. The impact fee base includes all project needs except those identified as subdivider funded or open space acquisition. The fees also include a 5% charge to cover City administrative costs.

Transportation

There is a clear relationship between the use of transportation facilities and the generation of vehicular trips based upon land use. In the report "San Diego Traffic Generators," authored by CALTRANS and SANDAG, the traffic generated by various classes of use is detailed. This report summarizes data collected at major regional traffic generators as well as neighborhood and local traffic generators in the San Diego area. Traffic counts taken at each facility are related to various characteristics of the facility such as size, type of use, number of employees, floor area, parking spaces, or number of persons. For impact fee purposes, multi-family residential development is assumed for Southeastern San Diego (and all other urbanized communities). The residential portion of the impact fee reflects an average daily trip factor (ADT) of seven (7) as a basis for determining the impact fee. A considerable range has been found for traffic generation in non-residential developments depending on the character and use of the property. Non-residential land uses typically generate between 100 to 900 average daily trips per acre. For non-residential development in the Southeastern San Diego community, average daily trips were used.

Using the approved land use intensity and trip generation rates, the total number of trips at community plan build-out is estimated to be 333,658. An analysis of the DIF eligible street improvements required at community build-out (estimated costs in FY 2003 dollars) totaling \$92,065,797 indicates that cost per average daily trip for transportation facilities, including administrative costs, is \$290 per trip and \$2030 per dwelling unit. The fee per dwelling unit is calculated using the average daily trip rate factor of seven. These amounts will be paid by all future development.

Park and Recreation

Park and Recreation needs are based on population derived from the number of dwelling units in the community. The Park and Recreation Department has identified projects needed in the Southeastern San Diego community to satisfy General Plan guidelines at build-out. These are shown in Table 1 and in detail in Appendix A.

Allocating total park and recreation facility costs of \$102,135,969 to the residential development at build-out of 36,730 units, results in an impact fee, including administrative costs, of \$2920 per unit.

Library

Library needs are based on population which is derived from the number of dwelling units estimated at build-out. Therefore, only residential developments are charged development impact fee for libraries.

The Beckwourth Branch will be expanded to 15,000 square feet, and the Logan Heights Branch will be replaced with a new 25,000 square foot branch. Allocating total library requirements only to residential property results in a library impact fee of \$539 per dwelling unit. This was calculated by dividing total library requirements of \$18,850,167 by 36,730, the number of residential dwelling units at build-out.

Fire Facilities

The Fire Station portion of the impact fee relates to the cost of providing fire facilities to adequately provide fire protection services to both residential and non-residential development within the community. Residential impact fees are based on an average cost per dwelling unit. The average cost per 1,000 square feet of gross building area is used to determine fees for non-residential development.

The Fire Department has identified one fire station serving the Southeastern San Diego area as needing renovation/reconstruction. Using the total amount of development, both residential and non-residential (approximately 44,026,000 square feet), and the Southeastern San Diego proportionate share of needed fire facilities (\$2,928,425), the resulting impact fee is \$70 per residential dwelling unit and \$70 per thousand square feet of non-residential development.

Development Impact Fee Schedule

The resulting impact fees for the Southeastern San Diego community planning area are as follows:

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY					COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	
Transportation	Park & Rec	Library	Fire	Total per Residential Unit	Transportation	Fire
\$ Per Residential Unit					\$/Trip	\$/1000 sq. ft. of Gross Building Area (GBA)
\$2,030	\$2,920	\$539	\$70	\$5,559	\$290	\$70